

Amendments to the Specification - Page 5 and 6

Please replace the paragraph beginning, on line 12, page 5 and ending on line 7, page 6 with the following revised paragraph:

The specific connectors shown herein have been constructed, with respect to the configuration of trough TR, to fit and wrap complementarily as a corner wrap around the outside corner of a hollow, tubular, square-cross-section column, such as the column shown at 19 in Figs. 2, 3 and 4. This column's long axis is shown at 19a. Very specifically, the right angle which defines trough TR is intended, thus, effectively to match the right angles which define the corners on the outside of column 19. Each such corner, of course, is the result of an intersection of two column faces, and the 90-degree intersection illustrated herein is referred to as a known angle. A connector, such as the four connectors shown herein, is secured as by welding to an outside corner of column 19 at a particular longitudinal location along the length of that column. Under circumstances where, for example, the ends of four I-beams are to be connected to the column at that longitudinal location along the column, a cluster arrangement of four successively next-adjacent connectors (in this instance connectors 10, 12, 14, 16) is formed around the column at that location, with each connector appropriately corner-welded through passages, such as those shown at 18 for connector 10 in Fig. 1, to the appropriate outside corners of the column. In Figs. 2 and 4, weld connections, which are illustrated as darkened regions, are shown generally at 20. In Fig. 2, no such weld connection is illustrated there for connector 10 in order to provide an opportunity to illustrate the location of previously mentioned long axis 10B of connector body 10A.

Amendments to the Specification – Page 7

Please replace the paragraph which begins on line 9, page 7 with the following revised paragraph:

With connectors 10, 12, 14, 16 attached as by welding at essentially a common longitudinal location (a selected node) along the length of column 19, and before any connection is established with the central web in the end of a structural beam, extending outwardly from each outside face of the column are confronting spaced and substantially parallel tabs that reside in next-adjacent connectors. Thus, one can see, for example in Figs. 2, 3, and 4, that tab 10a in connector 10 so faces a tab 16d in connector 16, and that tab 10d in connector 10 substantially so faces a tab 12a in connector 12. Nominally, a substantially uniform distance, or spacing, D exists between such confronting tabs before connection to a beam, and this nominal distance is clearly illustrated in Figs. 1, 3 and 4 for tabs 10d, 12a. More will be said shortly about dimension D, which is also referred to herein as a nominal spacing having a first known dimension.